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FOL TEL DTD 10 MAR 76 SENT ACTION BELGRADE INFO LISBON
REPEATED TO YOU:

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CONDON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLAB, FR, PO, ILO

SUBJECT: IRVING BROWN AND PORTUGAL

1. IRVING BROWN ASKED US TO PASS ON TO YOU THAT HE
MET FOR OVER TWO HOURS ON 6 MARCH WITH THE PORTUGUESE
MINISTER OF LABOR, AND HE CAME AWAY WITH MOST FAVORABLE
IMPRESSION OF THE MINISTER'S POLITICAL JUDGMENT,
HIS UNEQUIVOCAL AGREEMENT WITH USG NOT ONLY ON ILO
BUT ON OVERALL SITUATION IN EUROPE AND HIS UNDER-
STANDING OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE IN HIS MINISTRY CAN PLAY
IN THE INTERNAL EVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL. IN THIS REGARD
BROWN FEELS THAT WHILE THE MINISTER MAY STILL HAVE A
LOT TO LEARN, HE IS A FAST LEARNER AND MORE THAN
WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT AND TO RELY ON
"TRUE FRIENDS" FOR ADVICE.

2. THE MINISTER CONFIRMED THAT HE EXPECTS TO REMAIN
IN HIS PRESENT OFFICE EVEN AFTER THE 25 APRIL ELECT-
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IONS AND AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF JUNE. THIS WOULD

PERMIT HIM TO ATTEND THE ILO CONFERENCE AS HE HAD
PLANNED ALL ALONG. HE AGREED ALSO TO BE AVAILABLE AS
A CANDIDATE FOR THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY SHOULD
THIS BECOME NECESSARY. BROWN IS SATISFIED THEREFORE
THAT IF FOR SOME REASON OTHER PLANS FOR THE CONFERENCE
DO NOT WORK OUT, THE MINISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
RESERVE AS A LAST RESORT STRATEGY.
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